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MAY 2018 Newsletter



Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III

Hello residents and visitors to Bernalillo County. Please enjoy our May 2018 issue of the "communicator."

We continue our effort to work with you, our community and visitors of our county to continue to provide you with the superior service you have come to expect.

This newsletter is intended for residents and visitors of the County of Bernalillo, the Sheriff's East Area Command, North Valley Area Command, and South Valley Area Command. The purpose of our newsletter is to keep an open line of communications between you, the citizens, and us, the deputies, who are sworn to protect you and your property.

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to any and all your neighbors who are interested news, crime fighting tips, and communication from the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office. If any person wishes to be placed on the internet e-mail distribution list please forward that request via e-mail :

tgartenmayer@bernco.gov



***We will be forever
on duty to ensure
you are safe and
cared for.***

News from East Area Command

Our weather continues to be uncooperative in helping us reduce the fire danger up here in the mountains. We have already had a few small fires break out, thankfully, BCFD and State Forestry were on top of their games, and handled the events very quickly and with minimal damage. With the outlook for the foreseeable future containing little moisture and high winds, the conditions are ideal for fire. Please be aware of this, and do your part to keep this place safe.

If you are aware of any issues that pose a threat of starting fires, please do not hesitate to contact BCFD or BCSO to investigate. Both agencies can be reached through dispatch at 798-7000, or in the case of an emergency, 911.

Please understand that while your deputies are patrolling the East Area Command, it is impossible for them to be in all places at all times. Therefore, it is a vital component of

public safety that all residents be involved in the monitoring of suspicious activity in their neighborhoods and around businesses. If you see something that doesn't look right to you, please notify us immediately, and we will come and check on it.

I would like to take a moment to address traffic enforcement. We realize that to most residents of the East Mountains, seeing deputies working traffic enforcement brings up mixed feelings. On one hand, getting people to adhere to traffic law is good, on the other, these same deputies could be out patrolling and looking for criminal activity.

I understand both sides of this issue. I ask all of the deputies that work up here to dedicate a small portion of their workday to enforce traffic laws. In 2017, there were over 500 traffic crashes in the East Mountains, many

of which were injury crashes. An overwhelming number of these incidents had speed, or distracted driving as a contributing factor. Traffic enforcement targeting these types of violations in areas in which the crashes are occurring makes the roads safer for all of us. In addition, working traffic enforcement can lead to arrests of criminals committing other types of crimes.

Last week, day shift deputies arrested two subjects on a traffic stop that had just broken into 3 homes and stolen thousands of dollars of belongings.

If you would like to discuss the above issues, or anything else that may be on your mind, please feel free to contact me at the East Area Command Center at 468-7441, or email me at jkingsbury@bernco.gov. I look forward to talking with you in the future.

News from South Area Command

If any resident of the South Valley would like a Deputy to come to your house to do a safety assessment please contact Captain Taylor at ataylor@bernco.gov

We in the South Valley Area Command are working to combat the ever increasing panhandler population by educating them on the laws and moving them off the corners. Please assist us by not giving money to these individuals.

Remember to NEVER leave a child or pet in a car. Even with the windows cracked or down temperatures can reach over 120 degrees in a matter of minutes.

As you crack windows for the breeze during the warmer weather please remember to lock your windows prior to leaving your house. Unlocked windows are an easy access point for would be thieves.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact Captain Andi Taylor at ataylor@bernco.gov.

NEW FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Have you ever thought about a career in law enforcement? The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department is looking for motivated individuals who want to make a difference in our community. Information about our next Academy class is listed below. Please don't hesitate to contact a recruiter for additional information.

The 40th Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department Basic Regional Training Academy is tentatively scheduled for October 2018!



The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department is currently accepting application registrations for cadet applicants. Interested person may apply online at <http://www.bernalillocountysheriff.com/bernalillo-county-sheriff/recruiting.aspx>

Please be advised; a recruiter will contact you via email upon acceptance or denial of your application.

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate against any applicant based on age, gender, sexual orientation, or race. The application process is a highly competitive series of examinations ranging from knowledge to

physical strength as well as physical and mental health. We at the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department applaud you for choosing to enter into this process and wish you good luck.



TEST DATES

May 12, 2018

May 19, 2018

RECRUITING UNIT

415 Tijeras NW, 4th Floor
Abq, New Mexico 87102

Monday-Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Deputy Jennifer Garcia

(505) 804-0000

jegarcia@bernco.gov

Deputy Anton Maltby

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***THE TESTING PROCESS HAS CHANGED**

THERE IS A \$50 NON-REFUNDABLE PROCESSING FEE ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING

JOIN OUR EFFORT!

SHERIFF'S CITIZEN ACADEMY

Partner with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department to make a difference by taking an active role in being the caretakers of your community and your fellow citizens. JOIN OUR EFFORT!

Qualifications:

- Applicant must be 18 years of age
- Applicant cannot have any felony convictions
- Applicant cannot have any misdemeanor or DWI arrests in the last 3 years
- Applicant must pass a background check
- Applicant must complete a Citizen Police Academy application and signed waiver of liability form
- Applicant needs to be available the one night a week, 3 hour block of training for the 16 week program.

Learn about:

- Officer selection and training
- Laws of Arrest / Search and Seizure
- The purpose of Specialty Units (i.e. S.W.A.T., K-9, Narcotics, CSI and more)



CRIME REDUCTION AND SAFETY TIPS

With the warming weather many residents will begin to frequent the various mountain trails within the Sandia Ranger District. It is important to note that a large amount of wildlife live within the area, including Bear and Cougar. All wild animals can be dangerous. Always maintain a safe and respectful

- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Keep children close to you and within your immediate sight at all times.
- Make noise, talk, sing or clap your hands to let a bear/ cougar know of your presence. Don't rely on bells, usually they are too quiet. Shout often, especially when traveling upwind, near streams, or when you cannot see the path ahead and avoid thick brush.



*Those who are
happiest are those
who do the most
for others
— Booker T
Washington*

- Be alert and watch for bear/ cougar sign such as tracks, droppings, diggings, rocks rolled over, scratch marks on trees and logs torn apart. Carry binoculars and scan ahead periodically.
- Don't hike alone or at night. Bears and cougars are most active at dawn, dusk and night, but can be encountered any time. Groups of three or more people tend to make more noise and appear more formidable. This makes groups safer than solo hikers.
- Stay on trails for your safety and to protect the habitat.
- Avoid carcasses and report dead animals to the nearest ranger station. It is very risky to approach a carcass; a bear/ cougar may be just out of sight, guarding its food.
- Avoid odorous items and leave foods and beverages with strong odors, scented deodorants and lotions and other odorous items at home. Bear and Cougar have an acute sense of smell that can detect odors from great distances. Dry foods are both lighter and less smelly.
- Stay with your gear. Don't leave your packs, food or beverages unattended.
- Pets may attract bears and cougars and keep them on a short leash to avoid conflicts with wildlife.
- View and photograph from a safe distance. If an animal approaches, back away to maintain a safe distance.
- Use binoculars, spotting scopes or a telephoto lens when viewing and photographing an animal to avoid stressing the animal.
- Bicyclists and Runners should carefully select the areas they are recreating in and be extra alert in cougar, bear and rattlesnake country. Speed and quietness increases risks of a sudden encounter.
- Hike at a pace everyone can maintain and stay together. Cougars and some bears behave in a predatory manner and will seek the easiest target. Don't hike ahead or allow someone to fall behind, especially children and pets.
- Running may provoke a bear or cougar to chase you. You cannot outrun them. Bears can run up to 30 mph, up and downhill, while cougars are known for their powerful sprints and jumps.
- Rattlesnakes are very seldom seen. They can sense our vibrations from our walking and look for a place to hide, which is often behind rocks, logs or in thick brush. They are usually not aggressive unless they are directly threatened, either deliberately or by accident. To prevent being bitten avoid stepping directly in front of or behind logs and rocks. Before sitting down or picking up supplies from the ground, look around the area carefully. Watch where you put your hands and feet. Most importantly, enjoy snakes at a distance without disturbing them.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!



Graduation season is upon us and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office would like to send out our congratulations to all students who have earned their High School Diploma or Degree of higher learning. We look forward to you joining the workforce and/ or continuing your educational endeavors.

With graduations come graduation parties. While BCSO wants you all to share your achievements with others in the form of barbecues, parties, and family gatherings we feel obligated to encourage you all to celebrate safely and legally. Please

monitor alcohol consumption of attendees who are over 21 years old and restrict all access of alcohol to persons under 21 years old.

Designating a sober driver prior to drinking can save you all the shame of arrest and most importantly SAVE A LIFE. Remember the life you save could be your own or that of a loved one. Keep in mind that serving alcohol to a minor is a 4th degree felony punishable by over a year in jail and a hefty fine.

If you or people you know will be hosting a graduation party ensure you secure the proper permits, notify the Sheriff's Department, restrict alcohol and illegal drug consumption, and be courteous to your neighbors. For further information please feel free to contact your respective Area Commanders.

Sheriff Deputies will be conducting saturation patrols, DWI checkpoints, and Party Patrols. Uniformed Deputies will respond to all loud music and loud party calls and will issue citations and effect arrests when warranted. If you require a police response to loud music or parties in your neighborhood please call our county dispatch at 505-798-7000.

DO YOUR PART

Numerous studies have proven that when residents take pride in their neighborhood criminal acts diminish exponentially. With that said, take some steps to beautify your neighborhoods. Cleaning of front yards is the best place to start. Introduce yourselves to neighbors and turn the porch light on. Spend more time outdoors. These steps can be accomplished cost free and contribute to the overall health of a neighborhood.

KID SAFETY

During the summer months calls to 911 always increase. Rest assured that we will continue to respond to calls for service in a timely manner with the same professionalism you have come to expect and deserve.

With the warm weather, children began to spend more time enjoying the outdoors. Please rehearse with your children the need to know their personal information if they come into



contact with law enforcement. For example, if a child is found hurt at a neighborhood park, deputies will need this information to locate a parent or guardian and ensure the child is reunited.

"Law enforcement officers are never 'off duty.' They are dedicated public servants who are sworn to protect public safety at any time and place that the peace is threatened. They need all the help that they can get"

-Barbara Boxer